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4. OPEC Developments. Saudi officials, including Crown Prince FAYSAL and Petroleum Minister YAMANI, have expressed their concern and surprise to Aramco representatives over apparent refusal Aramco and Iranian consortium to negotiate further over OPEC questions.

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Comment: These developments, in combination with the reported rejection of company offers at the Beirut preparatory OPEC meeting this week, suggest to us that further postponement of the now-scheduled December 23 OPEC meeting in Riyadh may be expected. (SECRET)

MILITARY

1. Visit of USS MANLEY. USS MANLEY, FOREST SHERMAN class destroyer, which visited Jidda December 4-6, was latest in series of fleet visits designed to emphasize U.S. interest in integrity and security Saudi Arabia. While in port was host to large number of visitors including over 100 secondary school students now studying under American English language teachers who had not before had opportunity to visit one of these ships. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. TV. Al-Madinah of December 6 came out with heaviest headline saying "TELEVISION." It announced the impending signing of an agreement between the SAG represented by Saudi Ministry of Information and an American company (RCA). The paper promises that the people of Jidda and Riyadh will begin to see their own TV programs eight months after the signing of that agreement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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3. Investigation Kennedy Assassination. Al-Bilad of December 10 reproduces photograph of a notice reportedly placed in a Dallas newspaper on day of late President Kennedy's arrival. The notice is stereo type of the "wanted"

variety with two pictures of the late President on top: one full face, one profile with "wanted for treason" printed underneath the pictures. The notice as reproduced outlines "seven treasonous activities against the U.S." which the late President Kennedy allegedly committed. Al-Bilad reported that the publisher of that notice was fired upon a few hours after the notice appeared. It adds that investigations showed that an unknown Jew paid for the notice and disappeared. According to al-Bilad this notice is what led to Kennedy's assassination. (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. Letter to President Johnson. Al-Madinah of December 5 publishes long letter from well-known Saudi writer, Hassan Kutbi, noting that President Johnson's letter to Crown Prince Faysal records the existence of strong, close ties between the United States of America and Saudi Arabia. Letter says that American-Arab friendship should never lose sight of the intrinsic Arab love for freedom and that the Arabs, generally, are the world's most tenacious believers in spiritual values. Mr. Kutbi goes on to say that American material assistance to countries in Arab world should always remember that material aid unsupported by an

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understanding of the moral and spiritual attributes of the reciprients might prove counter-productive. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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